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FEATURE STORY

delinquency news

OURCE OF 75% OF DELINQUENCY ISOLATED

earch studies by the New York City uth Board(as published herewith in the uth Board News', vol.9#1) have, for first time, shown that 20,000, which ess than 1% of the City's more than million families, produce 75% of all City's juvenile delinquents. This was nally announced by Judge Nathaniel lan, chairman, last month.

statements that have been released a result of continuous studies which e extended over the last five years. communities thruout the country can great significance in these findings.

ording to Ralph W.Whelan, Executive ctor, these families which represent 'core' of the delinquency problem in York City are characterized by se- marital discord, alcoholism, drug ction, physical and mental illnesses, en homes, neglect and a host of re- problems; These findings become more significant when one considers the same families contribute an over- ming proportion of other social wel- and health problems as well. This cited by Mr. Whelan in the fact that many of these same families have been in touch with up to fifteen different social welfare, health and other authoritative agencies.

The first study undertaken by the Youth Board was an analysis of 1,000 cases, known as 'referral units'. These 'referral units' are , in reality, detection centers located in schools. Their purpose is to detect behavior and personal problems in children When the problems were detected, one third of the families,from which these children came, refused to accept help from any source, at the time of the detection.

A second study was then entered into, which substantiated the above fact that about one third of all such families were resistive to help. In addition, these families were classified according to social pathology; here the Board found that the 'core' group, the one third which refused help, were generally the multi-problem families.

It is interesting to note that the findings of a team of researchers (the Gluecks), of Harvard Institute of Criminology Research, came to the same findings regarding characteristics of these type of families. Their studies in causation and developing predictive devices have been carried on for almost twenty-five years.

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The Gluecks, in their studies, had compared the traits of families of non-delinquents with tho from the 'core' families, which were responsible for the spawning of delinquents.

The New York Youth Board expressed the belief that it has now isolated the focal point of inf tion in regard to the problem of delinquency and crime among young people. A continuation o their studies is being planned in cooperation with experts from the psychiatric-social discipl the clergy, the courts, the schools, etc. to determine the best program for further attacking t problem.

Meanwhile, a midnight curfew for youngsters under seventeen was recently adopted by the Ci Commission of Miami, Florida. A rising tide of juvenile delinquency in that city was the pri concern (7250 juvenile crimes for 1956). The Commission also called on the State Legislature to increase the minimum age for driving to eighteen, and to foster a study on a county-wide o few.

In Washington D.C., Secretary of Health-Education- and Welfare Folsom revealed a request for a five-year program of Federal Aid to States, which would be designed to encourage impr ments in police, court, detention, probation and special social services.

A definite step forward is essential in all communities, along the lines of the N.Y.Youth Boa findings and decisions for remedial action. In this, churches can play an important part, thru proper course of counseling,(welfare, social, recreational and cultural), as well as its assun spiritual teaching and emphasis. The Church which neglects this duty, may be adding adult m bership to the hard 'core' families in their own imm iate community. It would h been interesting if the You Board, as well as the Glue had indicated the religious persuasion of the 'core' th studied.

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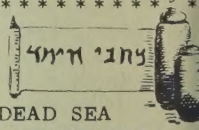

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

Foreign

NEW ARMENIAN JERUSALEM PATRIARCH was unanimously elected. Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, the former head of the American branch of the Armenian Apostolic Church took the place vacated in 1949 at the death of Patriarch Cyril Israelian.

he election was held by the Brotherhood of St. James, an organization which administers the roperties of the Church in Jerusalem, to which all Armenian clergymen in the Holy Land be- ng.

he new patriarch, who was born in Turkey in 1904 but became an American citizen, headed e Church in the U.S. for ten years, until his resignation in 1954. He was a main backer, in e planning stage, of the new Armenian Cathedral to be erected in New York City at a cost $1,000,000. Last October, he had been expelled from the Old City by the Interior Ministry Jordan. At that time he had been residing at the monastery of St. James, but at his expulsion took up residence in Beirut, Lebanon, where he was forced to remain for two months till ven permission to return. The Government gave no reason for its action, but accusations d been made against him for engaging in politics and 'maintaining relations' with Soviet rmenia. The Armenian community in Jerusalem claimed, however, the real reason was at the Archbishop was an American citizen and that he refused 'to serve Jordanian politi- l ends'.

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ORNEO CONVERTS TESTIFY TO END OF 'FEAR' OF DEMONS. Two Methodist shops (Rickett of India and Mathews of N.Y.), who recently visited Borneo and Sarawak, ported that local converts told them: 'We used to have to worry about a lot of demons and boos. We were afraid of the birds and animals which might bring omens of bad luck. We ere afraid of dreams, and tied to charms. Now that we know Jesus Christ, we are no longer raid of these things.'

he Ibans said their new faith is helping them to a better life than they had ever known be- re. If they are supplied with ministers and teachers, the converts said: 'in 20 or 30 years, e are sure, all the Ibans in Sarawak will be Christians'.

Superstition, fear, ignorance are the chains of Tyranny, wherever found. ED.

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WISH COLLEGE OPENED IN MOSCOW. Chief Rabbi of the Jewish Community in Mos- w, Solomon Schlieffer, is serving as rector of the school, which is to serve as a training nter for rabbis. The Chief Rabbi stated: 'the college will educate its students in the spirit humanism and aspirations to peace'.

he first class of students was composed of ten young Jews, according to a recent announce- ent. The same Jewish Community recently published a Hebrew Prayer Book and Calendar.

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RDAN BARS GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLITAN. Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of zareth, Isidoros, was declared persona non grata by the Jordanian authorities. The action llowed the churchman's announcement that contradicted Egyptian reports that Israeli for- s had looted the historic Orthodox monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai. Metropolitan doros answered the Jordanian action by saying: 'I am no politician. I am only interested the truth. My Church was greatly relieved to find the Mt. Sinai monastery was untouched, d naturally I said so publicly.'

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PTIC PRIEST ON TRIAL IN ISRAEL. Archimandrite Joachim El Anthony, former head the Coptic Christian Community in Israel, went on trial in the Jerusalem District Court of ael on a charge of espionage on behalf of an Arab country. The Egyptian-born priest had

been arrested last January as he crossed into Israeli territory thru the Mandelbaum Gate from the Arab-held Old City. His ecclesiastical residence was at Jaffa and it was reported h had made several visits to Egypt.

The Archimandrite pleaded not guilty, saying the documents, found on him, consisted only of material on Israel's economy, geography and immigration, which he had gathered for use in a book he was writing.

The District Attorney, Esra Hedaya, expressed regret at having to prosecute a priest, but said the defendant had displayed a 'bad conscience' after his arrest by trying to smuggle a letter from jail informing Jordanian authorities of his detention.

Two points were raised by dispassionate persons, regarding the arrest and accusation: Why should a letter have to be smuggled out of jail to inform authorities of an arrest, when a dem ocratic State such as Israel should automatically inform such authorities themselves? If the documents were 'military or State secrets', why would the defendant be bringing them INTO Israel, rather than out of Israel ?

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PROTESTANT LEADERS BOYCOTT GHANA OBSERVANCE. Churchmen: Anglican Bisho Roseveare of Accra - Rev. G.T. Eddy(Methodist) - Rev. E.M. Dodu(Presbyterian) boycotted the celebration recently held in the new State of Ghana at the arrival of the Duchess of Kent.

The objection was due to the inclusion in the ceremony of a portion of a native rite, in which a libation was poured on the ground as an offering to the gods. The Churchmen expressed the criticism that the rite included 'prayers offered to gods in whose existence Christians do not believe and to ancestors or spirits whom Christians believe should not be invoked.'

Ghana's population includes close to 700,000 Protestants, 525,000 Roman Catholics, 800,000 Moslems, and an estimated 1,200 Eastern Orthodox.

Last year, Bishop Roseveare had clashed with Prime Minister Nkrumah over his attendance at a pagan sacrifice, following a State Church Service. Both rites were offered as thanksgiv- ing for the coming Independence of Ghana. Prime Minister Nkrumah was baptized a Roman Catholic, but no longer practices that religion.

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WORLD COUNCIL OFFICIALS MEET WITH EASTERN ORTHODOX PRELATES. Dr. Visser 't Hooft of Geneva, general secretary of the World Council - Sir Kenneth Grubb of London - and Dr. O.F. Nolde of New York - all met with Archbishop Dorotheos of Athens and later with Patriarch Athenagoras in Istanbul, with whom they discussed plans for meet- ing with the World Council's Central Committee on the Greek Island of Rhodes in the summe of 1958. American Ambassador George V. Allen presented the World Council Officials to Archbishop Dorotheos, at that meeting.

Dr. Nolde was quoted as saying: the three officials had been 'graciously received by the Turkish foreign minister and the governor of Istanbul' and that the World Council regards the Ecumenical Patriarchate 'as a significant link between Turkey and many nations in which the World Council has member churches'.

Dr. Visser 't Hooft informed the Press that the Island of Rhodes had been selected by Patri- arch Athenagoras, who had extended an invitation to the World Council to convene there. Dr Visser 't Hooft commented that 'we are most happy to have this invitation'.

- Rhodes is the most easterly island of the Aegean Sea, lying about ten miles south of Cap Alypo in Asia Minor. ED.

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THESSALY QUAKES DESTROY 14 ORTHODOX CHURCHES. Archbishop Dorotheos made a personal tour of the devastated area and reported the destruction of both the churches, as well as some 11 Orthodox schools. Large quantities of clothing and other relief supplies wer sent from Athens by the Church for distribution among thousands of quake victims.

It was estimated that the quake, the third to hit Thessaly in as many years, affected about 70 of all buildings in the area. Thessaly is the third largest city in Greece.

.TRIARCH ATHENAGORAS CALLS FOR SYSTEMATIC PREACHING OF SERMONS. He ade the request at a meeting of vicars of Greek Orthodox Churches in Istanbul.

e Patriarch said that if there are not enough preachers to meet the demands of every Church the area, members of the Halki School of Theology graduating class will be requested to do . This is the first major step taken by the Patriarch to spread the preaching of sermons thru- : the entire Greek Orthodox Community in Istanbul. Heretofore, there has been no systematic eaching of sermons in the area.

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RBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH GETS 'OKAY' FOR THEOLOGICAL PERIODICAL. The goslav government, for the first time since the war, has granted the publication of a theolog- l periodical.

e publication will be called Bogoslovlje (Theology) and will appear twice a year, numbering ut 100 pages. The first issue is scheduled for May. At present, the Serbian Church pub- es a monthly magazine, Glasnik (Herald), which serves as the official organ of the Belgrade riarchate. A fortnightly newspaper called Vesnik (Messenger) is published by the govern- nt sponsored Priests (Orthodox) Association.

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VERNMENT 'SUBSIDIES' TO CHURCHES REPORTED. Yugoslavia gave grants amount- to $652,000 to religious bodies in 1956. The Serbian Orthodox received $262,370; Roman holic $198,300; Moslem $183,300; and the balance to Protestant, Jewish, and Old Catholics. grants included direct subsidies to the communities, as well as social insurance contribu- s for clergymen, individual assistance to certain priests, and aid for construction and the air of churches and monasteries.

scow Radio reported that the Soviet embassy in Cairo had given the Coptic Church Patriarch Egypt a check for $4,300 as 'a gift from the Russian Orthodox Church to the victims of the lo-French-Israeli aggression'.

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ORTION - STERILIZATION - BIRTH CONTROL are apparently prominent in the news oland and China. The recently enacted law legalizing clinical abortion in Poland has re- ed in an unprecedented demand for hospital beds, Warsaw Radio reported. The Station in- ted the demand was so heavy that thousands of women are unable to obtain admission and resorting to quacks, with resultant injury.

ping Radio declared that abortion and sterilization are now legal in Communist China 'from on'. It said a new law authorizing the practices was announced by Minister of Health Li h'uan in a speech to the Communist parliament. The Station quoted the Minister, a woman, tating there is 'considerable resistance against this law, particularly in rural areas still er the influence of religion'. However, the Minister said, the government will continue to sor birth control, and industry will provide cheaper contraceptives.

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LAYAN MALE MALEFACTORS MALADJUSTMENT CAUSES COMPLAINT. According Reuters dispatch from Penang, Malaya, a Buddhist priest, the Rev. Chuk Mor, made com- t on the fact that several local Buddhist monks had been attending strip-tease shows 'on sly'.

the Reverend: 'I take a serious view of this alleged breach of the golden rule of Buddhism'.

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RISONED SERB METROPOLITAN NOW LIVING IN BELGRADE. Serbian Orthodox opolitan Arsenije of Montenegro, who was released from prison last August and then con- d in a monastery has now been permitted to come to Belgrade to live with his daughter. 73 year old churchman, vice-president of the Serbian Church's Holy Synod, was senten- in 1954 by the Cetinje District Court to 11½ years of hard labor for plotting against the e. Two months later the Montenegrin Supreme Court at Titograd reduced the sentence to ears. Noted for his outspoken anti-Communist views, the metropolitan's sentence was muted after much outspoken criticism of his trial from Western sources.

REPORT RECORD NUMBER OF NEGRO CATHOLICS IN AMERICA. 530,702 American Negroes are now members of the Roman Catholic Church, the Commission for Catholic Missions Among Colored People and Indians reported. (There are about 16,000,000 Negroes in the U.S.)

The report also stated that 117,281 of the 400,000 American Indians are Catholics.

About 1,000 Negroes are embracing Catholicism each month as converts. The centers for Negro conversion are primarily in New York, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., St. Louis, Detroit and Los Angeles. Only 2,098 converts w won in the South. 85,000 Negro children are enrolled in 345 parochial schools.

Among the Indians, 230 priests, 726 nuns and volunteers serve in 415 churches and 57 day boarding schools. There were 863 Indian converts last year.

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GREEK ORTHODOX PRIEST RETIRES AFTER THIRTY YEARS SERVICE. The Rever Father D.K. Lolakas, who served the Sheboygan, Wis., Greek Orthodox Church for many y has retired from active service. Father Lolakas was ordained in Athens, Greece, in 1922. served in Greece for six years, before coming to America in 1927. Several Greek Churche this country had the benefit of his hard work and earnest spirit, before he took his final ta in charge of St. Spyridon Church in Sheboygan.

Father Lolakas first published the Liturgicals in the Modern Notation in 1929. Later, he al published the 'Divine Liturgy' in English, suitable for four voice harmony. Early this year released another valuable work - the 'Octoechus', the eight modes(tones), also in Modern N tion.

His son, Dr. John Lakes, resides in St. Louis, Mo., and his two daughters live in Chicago,I The retired clergyman will reside at 2343 E. 76th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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NEW ORTHODOX CHURCH OPENS IN BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA. March 3rd saw th opening of one of the most modern and beautiful churches in the Beckley area. Simple and functional in design, the church features a sloped floor - higher in the rear, than in the fro This affords a clear view for all worshippers. Another innovation,for a church of this area the glass-enclosed 'crying room' for mothers and children, so they may participate in the vice without disturbing others.

Light is used to great advantage thruout the church, with large windows accentuated by whi decorations. The walls and flooring are white, as is the altar. The benches are of white oa A choir loft has been provided in the rear of the church.

The pastor of the new St. Nicholas Church, the Reverend Father Michael Hubiak, arrived Beckley the Sunday before Easter, 1956 and took immediate charge. Up till that time, Servi had been held in the basement, but Father Michael spearheaded the congregation in raising funds necessary for construction of a main floor. Today, not quite a year later, the task ha been completed. The priest is to be commended on his initiative and energy in the quick re ization of this dream. He has also started a Big Brothers unit at the church, along with a S Scout Troop and a Girl 'Mariners' group.

The congregation is made up of mixed background Orthodox people = Carpatho-Russian, Bu garian, Serbian, Russian, Greek, Syrian and some American converts. The building will b officially dedicated and blessed on June 15th, 1957 by Father Michael's bishop.

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PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR A GREEK ORTHODOX UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERIC Archbishop Michael, head of the Greek Archdiocese, announced plans by which Holy Cross Theological School in Brookline, Mass. would be converted into the Greek Orthodox Univer sity of America. The plan would take a five-year span of time for fulfillment.

The addition of more graduate studies will aid in this realization, along with a seven year series of psychological tests for seminarians. Last July, the school was granted authority b Massachusetts to award Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology degrees.

TEENAGE 'GOING STEADY' DENOUNCED BY CATHOLIC. Msgr. Paul F. Leibold, chancellor of the archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio, which is headed by Archbishop Karl J. Alter, issued a denunciation of teenage 'going steady'as 'evil'.

Condemning steady dating as a 'definite and proved moral danger' to teenagers, the statement cited the teenagers unpreparedness for marriage and their consequent lack of 'normal adolescent development'.

somewhat of a marked contrast to this statement, a nationwide survey of 1,925 girls, aged 11 18, indicated that while most girls begin first dating at 14 years, only 10% 'go steady'. The udy, made by the Girl Scouts of America, showed that only 20% date under 14; but 70% of the -16 age group and 90% over 16 date regularly. Mrs. Roy F. Layton, Girl Scout national present said that 'delinquency is not the behavior pattern of most of our teen-agers'. The 250 age report revealed the chief concerns of girls to be looks and popularity, altho personality as rated higher than physical appearance in determining their standing with boys. The Study lso showed that the greatest period of 'stress' in the life of a teenage girl was between 14-16, hen family pressures increased because of greater dating and driving.

Apparently the unmarried chancellor is basing his facts on theology, rather than on life. ED.

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CUMENICAL RELATIONS EFFORT INITIATED BY EPISCOPAL DIOCESE. Recognizing e importance of close and fruitful relations with other branches of the Christian Church, the t. Rev. R.S. Emrich, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, has appointed the Rev. anon Howard McClintock of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, as Diocesan Chairman of Ecumenal Relations.

anon McClintock's first comment was 'The Ecumenical Movement is nothing very significant nless it becomes local, and so advance the growing unity of our Lord's broken and dismemered Holy Catholic Church'.

o implement this statement, Canon McClintock is supervising the growing close relations etween the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan and various Orthodox groups in the Detroit area. A milar study of the new Church of South India has been launched in the Diocese of Michigan to rther the grass roots understanding of this great experiment.

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LEVENTH COMMEMORATION OF ORTHODOXY SUNDAY HELD IN CLEVELAND. The reater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy again sponsored, for the eleventh time, a comned Vesper Service on Sunday, March 10th at the Hotel Cleveland. Over 1,200 persons were attendance.

he Vespers Service was conducted in five languages: Arabic-Church Slavonic-English-Rumian- and Greek. Reverends George Simon(Syrian), Jason Kappanadze(Russian), Vladimir rislopsky(Russian), Rusiniak(Russian), Branko Kusonjic(Serbian), John Geranios(Greek), ambert Venoutsos(Greek), and Vasile Hategan(Rumanian) participated.

rofessor Daniel D. Ressetar, choirmaster at St. Michael's Orthodox Church conducted the ombined choirs of 200 voices, which came from the eight participating Orthodox Churches. he liturgical responses sung in English were: 'Bless the Lord, O my soul', from a Byzantine hant; 'O Gladsome Radiance', by Chesnokov; and 'Prayer of St. Simeon', by Archangelsky.

his first Sunday in the Great Fast (Lent) is known as the Sunday of Orthodoxy in memory of e victory of the Church over the heresy of the Iconoclasts, and the subsequent restoration of ons(holy pictures) in the Churches.

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),000 CLEVELAND ORTHODOX APPEALED TO FOR ORTHODOX WELFARE AGENCY. n appeal, directed to the Orthodox of Cleveland, Ohio, by the Eastern Orthodox Welfare Coun.l, emphasizes the need for the establishment of proper facilities for the children, aged and eedy of the various Orthodox Communities in that area.

ating that no hospitals, orphanages, community aid centers, or other pertinent services are

contribution from each of the 90,000 Orthodox in the area, such as $10 apiece, would aid in t founding of the first real effort every attempted in the Welfare Field by Orthodoxy for Ortho

Alexander Kanareff, as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, issued the public appea Byelo-Russian, Greek, Albanian, Rumanian, Ukrainian, Serbian, Syrian, and Bulgarian peopl are all represented on the Council.

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GRAYMOOR FRIAR CELEBRATES ORTHODOX LITURGY IN ENGLISH. Using the Englis language, the Rev. Bartholomew Paytas of the Franciscan Fathers of the Atonement, celebra The Divine Liturgy (Mass of the Byzantine Rite) at the Catholic High Schools in Toledo,Ohio. This was the first time that a Graymoor Friar ever celebrated the Divine Liturgy of St.John Chrysostom outside the monastery at Graymoor, N.Y.

Originally a group of Episcopalian monks, who later became Roman Catholic converts, found Graymoor. The Graymoor Friars are dedicated to praying and working for the union of all Christians under the spiritual authority of the Pope.

Regarding the Byzantine Rite and the Uniates of the Roman Catholic Church jurisdiction, the Russian priest, Rev. Tikhon Mishevsky of Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church in East Me dow, N.Y. published a short article on what he terms 'The Uniat Threat'. It is here given fo the information of readers =

'When the Orthodox succumbed to the Turkish onslaught, Roman Jesuits went eastward and b gan an intensive endeavor to bring the Orthodox over to Rome according to the Uniate plan. The Protestant Reformation of the 16th century had given impetus to their efforts. They expl ed the misery of the Orthodox and used every conceivable piece of treachery to bring the Ort dox East to the feet of the Pope.

The Uniat scheme met with more success in Orthodox Poland and southwestern Russia. In 15 after the Council of Brescz, millions of Poles and Ruthenians were forced by the Polish King Sigismund to abandon Orthodoxy and submit to Rome upon pain of death. Orthodox Churches were plundered and faithful Bishops maltreated and put to death.

It was at this time that Rome canonized Josephat Koncewicz, Archbishop of Polotzk, who with violence and by inhuman meansures sought to bring Orthodox Poles to Rome. The population in righteous indignation arose finally and ended his life. Now, he is known as 'St. Josephat the Martyr and Patron Saint of the Unia', whose cult has been employed to mislead the credulous Uniats.

The Unia, namely, the Uniat method of reunion, excites horror in the Orthodox mind, becaus it stands for deceit and underhandedness. It is a device with which the Vatican seeks to insid iously attract the Orthodox into Romanism. Instead of promoting goodwill and intimate rela- tions, it actually creates scandal and confusion, thus widening the gulf between Orthodoxy an Rome.'

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Books

'THE ORTHODOX COMPANION' 237 pages, paper bound. by Rev. David F. Abramtsov.

A desirable volume to have, as are several other of the book-booklets-pamphlets prepared by the same author. Done with some completeness, it is mainly valuable as reference and some utility value. The greatest faults lie in three directions: 1.Poor format and quality of paper and printing 2.No indexing and lack of enough illustrations 3.Incomplete organiza- tion from textual and content division. However, in spite of these handicaps it is worth add- ing to one's library, especially at the nominal price of $2.00.

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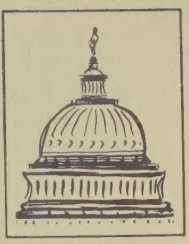
TRIVIA

The following story is from the 'Anglican' Quarterly, Spring, 1957 =

'In a discussion in the lounge of an ocean liner some years ago, the question was asked by a Presbyterian,- Now, just what is the difference between the services of the Roman Cath- olic and Anglican Churches? The literary man, a convert from the Episcopal to the Roman, but no longer such, replied: One is in very good English and the other is in very bad Latin.'

CHURCH AND STATE



NEW GOVERNMENT RULING ON CLERGY SOCIAL SECurity will preserve the social security rights of thousands of clergymen and members of religious orders who paid their self-employment tax for 1955, but neglected to file the required waiver.

Clergy must file a waiver of social security exemption before April 15, 1957, in order to qualify for coverage. Those who failed in 1956 to file this waiver, may do so now, if done without unnecessary delay. The waiver form is known as Internal Revenue Service Form #2031.

Mere payment of 'self-employment' tax does NOT qualify a clergyman - the Form #2031 must be filed. Once this waiver is executed, however, a clergyman must pay the social security 'self-employment' tax EVERY year thereafter.

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UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING EFFORTS ABANDONED. Religious and other groups won a long campaign against efforts to secure Congressional enactment of a program that would have required every American youth to undergo six months of training at the age of 18½.

Repeated efforts to enact UMT legislation since the end of World War II have failed in Congress from strong opposition from religious groups, educators, farm and labor organizations. The Society of Friends (Quakers) coordinated the work of Protestant agencies opposed to the plan. They had contended it would inflict the evils of militarism on American life.

The death of the UMT efforts came with the unanimous resignation of the entire five man National Security Training Commission. In submitting their resignations, the Board made note of the fact that the Reserve Training Program was operating satisfactorily under military jurisdiction and did not require the services of a civilian commission to supervise it.

Self-admission by the Board itself of any absence of need for its existence tends to confirm the stand of those who had fought to oppose it. - ED.

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MINNESOTA RECOGNIZES EASTERN ORTHODOXY AS A MAJOR FAITH. Governor Orville Freeman called upon all citizens and government officials in Minnesota to mention the Eastern Orthodox Faith in official forms, declarations and other papers.

This proclamation was issued after the Minnesota legislature adopted a concurrent resolution recognizing Eastern Orthodoxy as a major faith along with Protestantism, Roman Catholicism and Judaism. The governor said: 'This major faith, whose members work diligently for the service of God - their communities - and their fellow men, deserves recognition equal to that accorded other such faiths'.

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MARRIED ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST DELIVERS PRAYER IN U.S. CONGRESS. The Rev. George J. Chegin, pastor of St. Marys Byzantine Rite Roman Catholic Church in Trenton, N.J. served as guest chaplain of the House of Representatives recently. His appearance coincided with Greek Independence Day. He was the personal guest, for luncheon, of Rep. Frank Thompson (D.- N.J.). Two of the priest's sons are officers in the Armed Forces.

On the same day, Greek Independence Day, but in the Senate, Rev. Demetrios G.Kalaris, pastor of Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Washington D.C., opened a Senate session with prayer, as guest chaplain. Father Kalaris prayed that the Senate

(continued)

would remember the words of Scripture that 'there is neither Greek nor Jew, there is neither bond nor free.....for we are all one'.

- Certainly a little known fact, that of the existence of a married priesthood within the Rom Church, and that one of the individuals within this body should appear before the House o Representatives is, in itself, worthy of note. ED.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS VS. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS CONTROVERSY. Sixteen bills proposing a income tax exemption for tuition payments made to private and parochial schools are pending in the U.S. Congress. The essential theme of some of the bills is that the payments be classe as charitable contributions, and therefore deductible.

Archbishop Wm.O. Brady, Roman Catholic head of the Archdiocese of St. Paul, Minn., had thi to say: 'We Catholics are quite happy with our country and our constitution.....(but) we simpl cannot understand anyone who writes that the public school system ought to have a monopoly o education.'

The General Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. meanwhile called for 'Strong su port' of the public schools by the churches. Church members were urged by the Council to 'pa ticipate in public school boards and in development of the public school system'.

LETTERS FROM READERS =

'In your Review for February, 1957, p.5, there is a comment on Catholic schools, which must corrected. Catholic parents pay their share of Public School Tax. But, we want our children, is our right, to have a good religious education.

Our children, if they get Federal Aid, will only get back their parents' tax money. We bui maintain and staff our schools, yet we get nothing from our own payments to the Public Schoo Tax. We have a right to educate our children as we wish, and we will maintain that right.

I hardly think that using a man's tax money to benefit his child is going to destroy the Fi Amendment.'

Yours truly, Joseph M. Nucci

'It appears to me that there are several key points which should be studied and satisfactorily answered in order to arrive at a solution to the useless friction raised over the school fund issue so apparent today. These are my feelings:

i. Private, parochial or any other type of non-public school divides people, rather than uniting them.

ii. Since our country is dedicated to freedom, let individuals express themselves 'within' the laws, not as exceptions to it. Hence if private schools are desired, let those who wis them pay for them.

iii. Our Declaration of Independence, signed by men of varying religious beliefs, stated, in part, 'to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the CONSENT of the governed.'

In summation, let me then say - : let the 'consent of the governed' determine, thru lawful vot or amendment or action what their Will may be.'

Sincerely, Noah Porter

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BINGO OR 'THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS' ? The question is more aptly phrased:- Are bingo, lottery, and gambling against church law and is the church weakened by using gam ing proceeds?

A recent study of legalized bingo in New Jersey revealed, according to Rev. Rishell of N.Y.Ci Protestant Council, that family money, diverted from paying bills, created an insatiable appe- tite for even more gambling, with only 25% of charity income therefrom actually going to its original purpose - the 75% went for expenses incidental to running the games. He termed leg ized bingo as being merely a wedge for professional gamblers.

In Kansas, a proposed State constitutional amendment to legalize games of chance operated b churches was killed in the House. The bill had been introduced by Rep. H. Fatzer of Fellsbu The Kansas Council of Churches Executive Secretary, Milton R. Vogel, stated: 'We are...opp ed to games of chance where the proceeds are devoted to religious uses. We do not feel the e

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stifies the means as some religious groups seem to indicate.'

faraway Malta, Roman Catholic Archbishop Michael Gonzi issued a statement opposing plans the Maltese government to set up a gambling casino, as a means of attracting tourists. The rchbishop said he was against the project because 'gambling is immoral, would bring misery the people and encourage undesirables to come to the island.'

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ENOMINATIONAL SURVEY OF U.S. CONGRESS TAKEN. The Legislative Reference Ser-ce of the Library of Congress recently completed the first official survey ever taken of the eligious affiliation of members of Congress. The survey was made of the 85th Congress.

order they are: - Methodists (18 Senators & 87 Representatives) ; Roman Catholics (11 enators & 84 Representatives) ; Presbyterians (13 Senators & 55 Representatives) ; Baptists 3 Senators & 54 Representatives) ; Episcopalians (12 Senators & 46 Representatives).

he balance of Congressmen is divided among Congregational Christian (29); Lutheran (21) ; isciples of Christ (16); Unitarian (5); Churches of Christ and Reformed Church in America(4 ach); Society of Friends (3); E & R Church and Church of Christ Scientist (2each); Evangelical ree Church (1).

our members of Congress declined to give a religious affiliation. They are Sen.Wm. Langer, ep. Joseph W. Martin,Jr., Rep. M.M.Moulder, and Rep. R.W. Keeney. Another 20 designated emselves only as 'Protestant'.

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ROTESTANTS CRITICIZED FOR FAILURE TO EXERT POLITICAL PRESSURES. The rmer governor of New Jersey, Alfred E. Driscoll, in speaking before the National Council of resbyterian Men, stated that during his tenure of office(1947-1954) 'all kinds of pressure roups' attempted to influence him 'but never did the Protestant churches seek to influence my ecisions'.

r. Driscoll stressed that he was not encouraging churches to form lobbies, but he observed at church bodies might more frequently voice their approval or disapproval of governmental ctions. The former governor called upon the Church 'to exert an influence for good....' and e continued: 'The Christian Church carries more striking power, and in the long run will have ore influence, than all of our great armies and all of our weapons of war'.

The Council, a laymen's organization, has more than 2,700 chapters in churches thruout the U.S., with an estimated 400,000 membership. - ED.

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TATE LEGISLATURES LEGALIZE SACRAMENTAL USE OF PEYOTE. Bills permitting embers of the Native American Church to use peyote for sacramental purposes was passed the Legislatures of both Montana and New Mexico. In Montana, Governor J.H.Aronson im-ediately signed the bill into law.

se of the cactus bud drink had been prohibited by the Navajo Tribal Council on the grounds at it is a harmful, intoxicating drug capable of inciting Indians to violence. Members of the hurch, however, comprising thousands of Indians of the Navajo, Crow, Cree and Cheyenne ribes contend that it is a harmless, non-habit-forming drink. They contended further that ie ban against it violated the constitutional right of religious freedom.

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HOULD CHURCH PROPERTY OR INCOME FROM CHURCH-OWNED LAND BE TAXED his was the question asked in a survey among adults in the State of Minnesota.

7% of all adults questioned are opposed to taxing church property, when it is used for relig-ous purposes.

4% of all adults questioned stated that any income received from a business or property, wned by a church, should be subject to taxation.

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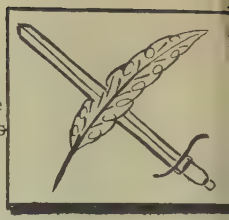
IN THE COURTS



MOSCOW NAMES AMERICAN EXARCH. The Patriarch Alexei of the Russian Orthodox 'Moscow' Church has announced the appointment of an American citizen as Exarch of the Church for North America.

At present, the Moscow jurisdiction is engaged in the 12th year of legal fisticuffs in the N.Y. Supreme Court with its arch-rival= The Russian Orthodox Church of North America. The American Church is under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Leonty.

Originally the Exarchate was to be filled by a Russian citizen, the Archbishop Boris, who wa denied an American passport in November, 1955. Since then, Archbishop Boris has been nam ed as head of the Ukrainian districts of Odessa and Kherson.

The newly named Exarch, Bishop Dionisi (a/k/a/- Dimitrius John Diachenko) served as a bishop in the American jurisdiction of Metropolitan Leonty. He transferred his allegiance to the Patriarchal Church early this year. This represents a serious blow to the American jurisdictions' prestige. It may also seriously reflect itself in the law suit in the N.Y.Court, inasmuch as the Defendant Patriarchal Church has entered his name to the list of defendants

One of the chief arguments of the Plaintiff had been based on the fact that the Patriarchal hierarchs have lent themselves to'vicious and mendacious attacks upon the United States'; now, they find themselves including in this argument one of their own bishops(i.e.- one of their own bishops up to early this year).

The suit in the Courts is in connection with an effort being made by the Russian Church of North America to eject the Patriarchal Church from occupancy of St. Nicholas Church in N.Y. City.

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BAPTIST RIGHT TO AUTONOMY SOUGHT IN STATE LEGISLATURE. Since 1953, two factions of the North Rocky Mount (N.C.) Baptist congregation have been at legal odds over local church autonomy and ownership of the $250,000 church property.

In December, 1954, the State Supreme Court awarded the property to a minority of the congregation that remained loyal to the state and Southern Baptist Conventions. Failure of the majority faction to file briefs in appeal, within the appointed time, brought the suit to an end.

Dr. James Bulman, secretary for Baptist Church Autonomy Committee, has released the report that the State Legislature will be asked to enact a law specifying that 'the proper tribunal for a local Baptist church is simply the majority of members present and voting at any duly constituted meeting, unless the church adopts requirements to the contrary.'

Dr. Bulman said the proposed legislation would be designed to prohibit 'any outside group from overruling a decision of the proper tribunal of any religious organization of this State'. He added that the court decisions have raised doubts 'as to what is the proper tribunal for Baptists, due to un-Baptistic testimony given by Baptist leaders in the case and because they contain serious implications for all denominations in this State'.

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COURT REFUSES TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL DOCTRINAL CHURCH DISPUTES. The Minnesota Supreme Court declined to award control of the Protestant Reformed Church of Edgerton, Minn. to a minority group supporting the minister who was ousted for allegedly expounding doctrines contrary to those of the denomination.

The high tribunal upheld District Judge Charles A. Flinn of Windom, who ruled that the courts have 'nothing to do with the doctrinal differences' between the majority and minority factions in the church.

The Supreme Court stated: 'The civil courts should not and cannot enter into any dispute relative to doctrinal matters arising within a church organization. Nor can they interfere with or

ter into any dispute relative to church government.' The Court added that the general synod the Protestant Reformed Church is the proper and final body to hear and determine whether e action of a minister and his followers is heretical and in conflict with the Church's confes-ion.

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OURT 'OKAYS' CENTER FOR EVANGELIZING CATHOLICS. The State Supreme Court Pennsylvania, in a 6-1 decision, directed that a charter be issued to the Conversion Center, c. of Havertown, a Philadelphia suburb. This action reversed a decision by Judge Wm.Teal the Delaware Country Court, who had refused a charter because the group proposed to con-rt 'adherents of the Roman Catholic Faith....especially ....clergy.'

he Supreme Court decision held that the announced purposes of the Center could not be called 'nlawful or injurious to the public.' The sole dissenter, Justice Michael A. Musmanno, filed a sarp protest and said the decision paved the way for 'unleashing the winds of intolerance, the gles of prejudice and the forces of hate and ignorance.' He charged the seven incorporators vth the intent of carrying on 'aggressively and militantly' a campaign to get 'Catholic priests ad nuns to break their vows and leave the Church to which they have dedicated their souls , their lives, their fortunes and their destinies.'

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JDGE WELCOMES CLERGY ATTENDANCE AT COURT SESSIONS. The presence of a clergyman during sessions of the Juvenile Court of Mercer County (Trenton, N.J.) was descri-bd as extremely helpful by County Judge Arthur S. Lane, who more than a month ago approved sch a plan involving over 20 clergymen in the area. He said he has been 'very satisfied' with te results and added that it gives him a feeling of support in the handling of his cases.

A each session of the Juvenile Court, over which the Judge presides, a clergyman is present o hear the cases, offer advice to the Court and aids the family involved. One clergyman said 'his experience has opened my eyes to problems not entirely familiar to me and to the pro-css by which the court works'.

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GRMAN CATHOLICS PROTEST COURT PROHIBITION OF SOLICITATION. The Upper Dstrict Court in Frankfurt-On-Main rejected the appeal of a Roman Catholic priest, who had bn fined by a local court for soliciting funds.

Te Rev. Joseph Kirchberg of Kassel, in the West German State of Hesse, had violated a 1934 Lw, which forbids public collections by private individuals. The priest had been soliciting tl money to build a new church. Catholic authorities immediately indicated they would re-fte to abide by the order, on the grounds that it was unlawful and violated the freedom of the Church, as guaranteed in the West German Constitution.

Te Hesse Minister of Interior had confirmed the existing Law by sending a letter to munici-p authorities, in which he stated that any collections by religious groups, outside of actual church worship collections, cannot be made without a special State Permit.

(Similar types of Laws exist in Spain, South America against Protestant groups. Here, at least, it applies to all. - ED.

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ORIGIN OF 'SAYING OF GRACE' BEFORE MEALS.

Was it originated from a feeling of gratitude? Of Thanksgiving? Some feel not. Early, primitive Man called on many Gods to ward off evil. Eating, as he did, the animals he killed, he felt that they too might have revengeful spirits in them, which would wreak their reward on him. So, as he crouched over the carcasses, he called upon the Gods to protect him from their acts. Man's sub-conscious Fears are back of what we today consider as his 'norm'.

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